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SUBJECT: DAYAN VIEWS ON SINAI WITHDRAWALS

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1. FORMER DEFMIN MOSHE DAYAN IN LECTURE AT BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY JAN 30 URGED ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS IN SINAI IF EGYPT ACCEPTS NON-BELLIGERENCY PACT. AS QUOTED IN JERUSALEM POST, DAYAN SAID THAT " OBJECTIVELY EGYPT IS IN A POSITION TO SIGN A NON-BELLIGERENCY AGREEMENT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OTHER ARAB STATES." IN SUCH AN EVENT, DAYAN REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM JIDDA AND MITLA PASSES, AND WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND WITHDRAWAL FROM ABU RODEIS IF ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED TO OBTAIN OIL FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.

2. DAYAN ALSO SAID THAT IN ANY SETTLEMENT, HE WOULD PREFER A THIN-OUT OF FORCES ON BOTH SIDES TO A UN PRESENCE IN AREA, SUPERVISION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY UN OBSERVERS AND AGREEMENT TO US AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

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3. COMMENT : DAYAN'S SPEECH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BRING NEW ELEMENTS INTO PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ISRAELI NEGOTIATING POSITION OR, FOR THAT MATTER, TO DIFFERENTIATE HIS THINKING ON SUBJECT IN MAJOR WAY FROM THAT GOI APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING IN PUBLIC(THOUGH DAYAN HAS, OF COURSE, STAKED OUT HARDER POSITION ON WEST BANK ISSUES-REF.) FROM US VIEWPOINT, MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF RECENT DAYAN SPEECHES IS THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE DOES NOT RULE OUT SECOND STAGE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT.

4. HIS LATEST SPEECH WAS MADE ON DAY OF PUBLICATION OF AGRANAT COMMISSION REPORT, CONTENTS OF WHICH SOME BELIEVED, MIGHT IMPORTANTLY AFFECT HIS POLITICAL FORTUNES. PUBLISHED PORTIONS OF REPORT MAKE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO DAYAN ROLE AND ITS APPEARANCE UNLIKELY TO CHANGE HIS PRESENT LIMITED PROSPECTS FOREARLY COMEBACK (IN LATTER CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND FROM TERRY SMITH THAT HIS RECENT INTERVIEW WITH DAYAN CAME ABOUT AS RESULT OF DAYAN AIDE PICKING UP LONG STANDING SMITH INTERVIEW REQUEST, I.E., IT WAS ON DAYAN'S INITIATIVE).
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